



From the Desk of Mrs. Hackert.....

Have you heard just about everything there is to say concerning the importance of Christian education? Probably. Is it worth repeating? Absolutely! During a recent chapel, our students were reminded of the blessing they have because their parents made a decision to send them to Sully Christian School. We talked about "Celebrating Christian Education Week" which was April 19 – 23. The students and teachers participated in the following "Litany for Christian Education Week".

- Leader:** In celebration that our world belongs to God:
Parents and homes, teachers and students,
- All:** **bring to the Lord honor and praise!**
- Leader:** Lunch lines and labs, classrooms and playgrounds.
- All:** **bring to the Lord honor and praise!**
- Leader:** Athletes and band, singers and woodwinds,
- All:** **bring to the Lord honor and praise!**
- Leader:** Wisdom and truth, earth's hidden knowledge,
- All:** **bring to the Lord honor and praise.**

Included with the above litany from Christian Schools International is this paragraph which ties in so well with our school theme for this year.

"At times, choices may be hard, require continued commitment, and firm faith. Abraham surely experienced this when asked to move to a foreign land or sacrifice his dear son, Isaac. Joseph's decision to tell the truth landed him in prison. Samson's decision to honor God came at the expense of his life while destroying a pagan temple. These, and so many others, were commended for their faith and faith-inspired actions. This is the cloud of witnesses that surrounds us as we live out our lives. How do we 'run with perseverance the race that is set before us?'"

Christian education is a spiritual investment in the lives of our students. Is Christian education expensive? The answer to that question depends on one's point of view. Could it be that Christian education is priceless?

We celebrated our 2010 Grandparents' Day on April 19. Approximately 80 grandparents were our special guests. Grandparents visited classrooms in the morning, a delicious lunch was served to the students and grandparents, and a variety program with band numbers, speeches and poems, and vocal numbers completed the afternoon. During the program, Mr. Darryl De Ruiter, principal of Pella Christian High School, presented the final "Upon This Rock" payment of \$33,266.47 to Sully Christian School.

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!

"The Sully Christian School, together with the Christian parents and Society, will provide a quality education that is based on the Word of God. We will equip our children, through God's grace, to be active members of God's Kingdom."

96
Years

Hip Hip Hooray! It's 100 Day!



Ellie and her dad making a picture with 100 buttons



Larissa and her mom making a necklace with 100 cereal rings

98...99...100! The halls of SCS were buzzing with excitement on Thursday, April 8 as the Kindergarten class celebrated their 100th day of school. The night before, signs were painted and hung, balloons were blown up and streamers taped above the classroom door. When the Kindergarteners arrived, they were each given a "100th Day Celebration Ticket" that listed all the activities for the day, which their parents and some grandparents had fun helping them with.

They began by making their 100th day crowns, complete with glitter-glue jewels. To share their excitement with the rest of the school, a table was set up where 1st-8th grade students could fill out a guess slip for "Which jar has exactly 100 pieces of candy?" and "How many paper clips can we add to this full glass of water before it overflows?"

The Kindergarteners had fun guessing how far they would get by counting 100 steps from their classroom. When they reached 100 they taped a footprint to the floor telling everyone that this is 100 steps from the Kindergarten room.

This special day was made EXTRA special as it was also Head Teacher, Mrs. Hackert's birthday. The whole school looks forward to Mrs. Hackert's birthday because she makes the best homemade donuts ever! Every year she prepares the tasty treats in her classroom for everyone to enjoy. Each class was treated to a plate of donuts, with the Kindergarten plate having a neat surprise! Mrs. Hackert made the number 100 out of her donuts to help them celebrate their 100th day!

The hardest thing they did was to be perfectly silent for 100 seconds. They were so happy to giggle and wiggle when the timer reached 100! **Happy 100th Day, K!**

Mrs. Lyn Howerzyl



Mrs. Hackert's birthday = fresh, hot, delicious donuts!



Alexa and her mom making a design with 100 colorful stickers

K, 1st and 2nd Study Weather

In Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade, we are in the midst of a big Science unit on weather. What better time of the year to talk about weather than when the winter snow is still fresh in our minds, as the thunderstorms shake the windows, and as the sunshine coaxes forth new budding blooms.

In our discussion of this weather unit, I've learned our students have a definite opinion of the weather they like and absolutely do not like. The most exciting day of the spring semester is the day that the first teacher on recess duty announces, "No coats!!" The rejoicing can be heard for miles! You'd think they had won a lifetime of no homework! But can't we all relate? That first invigorating smell of a spring morning when you step out of the door, the day you realize those little green plants have bravely stuck their noses out of the dirt. It's a beautiful feeling, a moment of rejoicing.

Here's a sampling of the things K-1-2 love and do not love about different kinds of weather.

"My favorite part of spring is playing outside with Mom and Dad, but I don't like doing my homework with Mom in the spring."
Drew Van Soelen

"I totally do not like when there's thunder and lightning because we can't play outside and sometimes the power goes off."
Sierra Pleima

"I like spring because I get to ride dirt bike through the fields."
Zeke Vander Leest

"I do not like big rain puddles especially because I cannot ride dirt bike."
Ethan Wyma

"I like sunny weather because I like no coats."
Laci Keen

"My favorite part of spring is watching the leaves grow on the trees because I can watch the different kinds of colors."
Kara Van Wyk

"I like spring because I don't like winter and snow because I don't like to build snowmen."
Ellie Dunsbergen

"I like winter because we can build snowmen. I don't like summer because it's too hot!"
Larissa Pleima

"I like windy because it feels like you are being blown away."
Alexa Dunsbergen

"I don't like that it has been stormy and with tornado watches because it scares me."
Cheyenne Collins

"I like it when it is sunny because it is a good day to play outside."
Kelly Van Wyk

"I like that it is warmer so that we do not have to wear snowpants."
Elijah Vos

"My least favorite part of spring is when you don't get to go on the rubber because you don't get to play on the equipment and there is not much to do on the cement."
Kody Jansen

"My favorite part of spring is that it has been so beautiful so we could go to the town square park."
Colby DeVries

"My least favorite part of spring is the stormy weather because it bent a bar on our trampoline."
Shandra Truong

"My favorite kind of weather is hot weather because we get to go outside with no coats."
Emma Pleima

"He [our God] is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings the grass from the earth."
II Samuel 23:4

Mrs. Kristin Lewis

Thank You, Taylor Photo!

We'd like to extend our sincere appreciation to Randy Taylor/Taylor Photography for volunteering his time and wonderful talents to SCS by taking pictures for us on Grandparents' Day. He generously donates a free 4X6 to each set of grandparents and donates the money from any additional pictures ordered back to the school. Thank you for helping to make Grandparents' Day even more special with your talent and generosity, Randy!

Calendar

April 30	District V Track Meet
May 3	L-S Invitational
May 26	8th Grade Graduation 7 p.m.
May 27 & 28	Snow make up days
May 28	Last day of school - 1:30 dismissal
June 24	Annual Society Meeting 7:30 p.m.

School Board Minutes

April 8, 2010

Education Committee

- Reviewed contract renewal status
- Approved a revised Home School Policy.
- The SIAC (Needs Assessment) Committee will be meeting on April 22.

Building & Grounds Committee

- Made a motion to allow Inspirations Childcare and Preschool Center to paint a mural on the wall at the end of the hallway that leads to the toddler and infant rooms. MC
- Committee has met with Inspirations board chairman regarding rent for next year.
- Inspirations Childcare and Preschool Center has been granted permission to use the gym on May 27 for their graduation.

Finance Committee

- Close to finalizing budget for next year pending the Jr. High position hire.

Fundraising Report

- Total raised so far this year is \$43,604.
- Plans are underway for a golf tournament this summer.
- Planning to serve a noon meal to the Red Rock Threshers tractor riders on July 17.

Promotions Committee

- Working on plans for our 4th of July float.

CSRA Committee

- Dale Van Wyk will be going off this committee and we'll need to find a replacement.

Administrator's Report

- Grandparents' Day will be held April 19 and the spring program will be presented April 20 at 7 p.m. Mr. Roose and Mr. Zwiers will be recognized at these events.
- Kindergarten Testing Day will be April 22.
- Students from Central College will be here on April 20 repairing library books for their service day.
- Four staff members attended CPR training which included training on the use of the school's new AED.
- The 2010-11 school calendar was approved.
- Mrs. Merrill is working on an agreement with the L-S band instructor to possibly share some music.
- It was announced at Principals' Club this week that there will likely be a 13.5 % cut on public transportation and textbook funding from the state for next year.

Other

- The Annual Society Meeting has been scheduled for June 24 at 7:30 p.m.

8th Grade Banquet Held

The SCS Circle honored our 8th grade boys at the annual 8th Grade Banquet on Saturday, April 17. The guests of honor, their parents and grandparents were welcomed into a gym that was cleverly and meticulously decorated in a sports theme. After being served a delicious meal they were entertained by a song from their parents and the annual class prophesy by Mr. Roose. The boys and their parents want to extend their appreciation to everyone who contributed to the very special evening. Graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 26.

This year's 8th graders are Coltin Collins, son of Duane & Joni Collins, Mason Howerzyl, son of John & Lyn Howerzyl, Ryan Pastoor, son of Jeff & Sue Pastoor, Jordan Pleima, son of Greg & Ameer Pleima, and Derek Van Soelen, son of Ronda and the late Jeff Van Soelen.

SCS Wishlist

Some ideas for those who may wish to gift our school in specific ways:

1. \$ to purchase chair/desk slippers for Mrs. Lewis' classroom - cost: approx. \$30
2. Music folders for choir - approx. \$5-\$10 each
3. Rhythm instruments for the younger students in Mrs. Merrill's music room, i.e. drums, wood blocks, rhythm sticks, and finger cymbals

Prayer Warrior's Corner

1. Pray for the Education Committee as they interview applicants for the Jr. High position.
2. Prayers of thanks for the seven children who attended Kindergarten Testing Day this past Thursday and for the parents who sent them.
3. Prayers for safety for the farmers who are busy in the fields.
4. Prayers of thanks for those who have accepted School Board nominations.

